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MOROCCAN TROOPS IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN EASTERN ZAIRE

REF: (A) RABAT 7058, (B) STATE 202714 AND PREVIOUS

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UNHCR'S VIEWS ON THE IDEA OF A FOREIGN CONTINGENT TO ASSURE SECRUITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN EASTERN ZAIRE AND TO HELP THE FAZ DISARM THE REMNANT RWANDAN FORCES. WE DID NOT MENTION THAT MOROCCO MIGHT PROVIDE SUCH TROOPS. SEEMED SURPRISED BY OUR REQUEST. HE NOTED 1.4(D) THAT THERE HAD BEEN ONE OR TWO ISOLATED INCIDENTS IN THE SOUTH WHERE MILITIA HAD THREATENED RELIEF WORKERS, BUT THUS FAR SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN A PROBLEM AND RELIEF WORKERS WERE NOT A TARGET. HE SAID THERE WERE ARMED MILITIA IN EASTERN ZAIRE, ESPECIALLY AROUND BUKAVU. HE AGREED THAT ISSUES RELATED TO THE FUTURE OF EX-COMBATANTS AND THE DISARMING OF THE REMNANT FORCES WERE IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE AND SAID THEY MAY WARRANT CONSULTATIONS WITH UNPKO AND UNAMIR. MADE IT CLEAR THAT UNHCR WAS A HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION AND WAS "NOT CALLING FOR ANY TROOPS." HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAD RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SECURITY IN THE AREA. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL PAGE 03 GENEVA 06642 300717Z SITUATION ON THE GROUND REMAINED TENSE AND THE PRESENCE OF SUCH TROOPS COULD HAVE A DETERRENT EFFECT. SAID THAT IF THE GOZ BELIEVED IT NEEDED EXTERNAL HELP AND CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE, UNHCR WOULD UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT DECISION. HE EMPHASIZED THE RESPONSIBILITY

AREA; ANY DECISION TO CALL FOR FOREIGN TROOPS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE BY THE GOZ.

5. ADDED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY SUCH TROOP DEPLOYMENT SHOULD NOT/NOT SAY THAT THE FOREIGN TROOPS ARE TO PROTECT RELIEF WORKERS. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT SUCH A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND MAKE RELIEF WORKERS A TARGET. HE PREFERRED THAT THE

ANNOUNCEMENT SPEAK IN MORE GENERAL TERMS EMPHASIZING

OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN THE

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THEIR DEPLOYMENT TO HELP MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER. SPIEGEL